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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Government Acquisition of Private Property. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponents of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for their measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Amends California Constitution to bar state and local governments from condemning or damaging private property for "economic development," defined as conveying or leasing the condemned property to a private person or entity for a commercial enterprise or to increase tax revenue, tax base, employment, housing density or general economic health. Exempts certain land uses. Provides that government condemnation of private property may not occur until government gives notice of the proposed public use for the property, a court affirms the proposed public use, and just compensation is deposited with the court.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown, but potentially significant, changes in governmental costs to acquire property for public purposes. (SA2005RF0135.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1198 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0135.

The proponents for this measure, Douglas Adams McNea and Karin Annette Hipona, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, which is eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 general election. The 150-day deadline to collect signatures is July 17, 2006. The initiative proponents can be reached at 408-472-3964.

For the complete title, summary and circulation calendar, please call the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.

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